



WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a very sunny start of the summer term and in particular we would like to welcome all of the new families whose children have joined us over the past week. It is great seeing the classes so full and to see how welcoming the children have been. As it is so sunny please remember to send your child in with a **named water bottle** each day which **should only contain water** that they can drink in class. You should also start to send in a **named sun hat** which shades your child's face and neck as they will be spending time outside for PE lessons as well as at break and lunch times. If you are planning to take a holiday next year please note the **term dates for the year** in the blue column on the right. We are waiting to hear the local authority's position on term time holidays but I am not expecting them to become more lenient after the recent court case upheld the decision to fine the parent from the Isle of Wight. Please avoid booking holidays in term time as I cannot authorise them unless there are exceptional circumstances and the savings you can make by avoiding the school holidays do not count. We are currently working on other key dates for next year and I will add those to the newsletter after half term.

I am trying to keep the **school open** again on polling day (**June 8th** in case you haven't heard). We are currently planning the best way to do this to avoid disruption to the classes as far as possible. We will of course have a member of staff outside for the whole school day to direct people to the polling station entrance and avoid having members of the public walking through the school building or grounds. This worked well last year and I am confident this year will be no different. If you have any concerns please contact the school and I will be happy to talk to you personally.

Finally, we have a lot of **missing school PE kits** and a lot of **lost property**. The school PE kits were bought to lend to children who forget their kit, however it seems some children are now just relying on them and have failed to return them to Lorna's room after their lessons. Your children's PE days should be on their curriculum letter, which were sent home last week, and they should have their PE kit in school each week on those days. Please check that your child has their own PE kit and if it is labelled WPA please return to Lorna as soon as possible. Lost property will be sorted and any named items returned to the children before the end of the week. Any unnamed items will be laid out on tables in the playground after school on Friday. Please check and collect as much as you can. Any items left will then be washed and added to the pre-loved uniform ready for the next sale. Fran will also be delighted for any other donations of uniform your child may have grown out of to sell on to others. I look forward to seeing you around school this term.

Kind regards

Cup winners	21.4.17	
Friendship Trophy	Finley Anstey and Maddie Benney	
Courtesy Cup	Daniel Iacaban	
Perseverance Trophy	Jack Green	
Attendance Award	Year 1 Sparrows	
Class Cup	Year 5 Kestrels	
House Cup	Bigbury	

Hungry Caterpillar News

In Hungry Caterpillar club we have been planting out the sunflowers planted on Dig It Day. A huge congratulations to Jessica Horton and Tiana Allen for their sunflowers and winning the competition. The crops are all coming on around school and it is lovely to see. The children are really taking ownership and understanding the need to regularly water and tend to the plants and vegetables.

The school packed lunches are still regularly monitored and praise given for healthy choices made. **Please can we remind all parents that nuts are not allowed on site, therefore should not be included in children's packed lunches.** We do have children (and a Headteacher) with nut allergies in school and as I am sure you fully understand must ensure their safety and good health.

Key Dates for 2017

28 Apr Y3 Class assembly 2.30pm

19 May Foundation class assembly 2.30pm

26 May 3.30pm End of Term 5

5 Jun 8.45am Start of Term 6

7 Jun Sports Day

30 Jun Y4 Class assembly 2.30pm

7 Jul Reports to parents

14 Jul Open afternoon 2.30pm

21 Jul 1.15pm End of Term 6

25 Jul Non Pupil Day

Term Dates for 2017 - 2018

6 Sept Start of Term 1

19 Oct End of Term 1

30 Oct Start of Term 2

19 Dec 1.15pm End of Term 2

3 Jan Start of Term 3

9 Feb End of Term 3

19 Feb Start of Term 4

30 Mar 1.15pm End of Term 4

17 Apr Start of Term 5

25 May End of Term 5

4 Jun Start of Term 6

20 Jul 1.15pm End of Term 6



Half Marathon

Well done to everyone who took part in the half marathon and a massive well done to George Hudson-Lord for coming 5th overall.

Easter Breakfast





**MKC Heroes visit to
the council house.**



Kettlercise in Plymouth is THE single most effective Kettlebell fat burning workout.....designed to shape and sculpt your body in as little as 20 mins for rapid fat loss & a lean toned body.

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Family Learning Workshops

We have the opportunity to run some free one off workshops in school, including Button Jewellery, Basic Family First Aid and Decorating Cupcakes.

Can you let me know if you would be interested via the office, my email is psa@widewellprimaryscholl.co.uk or my mobile 07436 839934. Thanks Lorna

NSPCC

Being a parent isn't always easy. HELP is a four letter word that you shouldn't be afraid of.

If you are struggling, the NSPCC can help. Friendly advice and support is just a call away.

Call 0808 800 5000, text 88858 or email help@nspcc.org.uk. We're here 24/7.

Life Caravan

This week we have had a visit from the life caravan and all classes have been able to visit which they have really enjoyed. The children learnt about various topics covering science and PSHE.

School Bank

Just a reminder that the school bank is available every Tuesday from 3.30pm in the school office.

Healthy Child Silver Award

In March, Mrs Gifford attended the Health Wellbeing and Citizenship conference to officially receive our Healthy Child Silver Award from Ruth Harrell, the Director of Public Health Plymouth. She also presented to the conference about the great work that is going on in school to promote healthy eating, active lifestyles and better choices in school.



Y6 Leavers Celebration

The leavers celebration will be taking place on Wednesday 19th July, more details to follow.

